June 21, 2022

State of New York
2679 Route 8
County of Hamilton
Town of Lake Pleasant

A Meeting of the Lake Pleasant Town Board was held on June 21, 2022, at the Lake Pleasant Library 2864 State Hwy. 8 Speculator, NY. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M., to make approvals, give reports, establish organizational tasks and conduct any business that may come before the board.

The following were present:
Supervisor: Betsy Bain
Councilpersons: Neil McGovern, RaChelle Martz and Don Braunius
Town Clerk: Stephanie Smith
Highway Superintendent: Randy Lavarnway
Guests: Nancy Seifts (Budget officer) and Paul Allen
Absent: Kathy O'Connell

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Resolution #70 To approve the minutes of June 6, 2022
Offered by: Don Braunius **2nd by:** Neil McGovern
Be it resolved, that the minutes of June 6, 2022 be approved as presented
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons - McGovern, Martz and Braunius)
Nays: None

Highway:

Lavarnway reported to the board the following **-**

- He and Lenny Croote have been working on the GPS coordinates of the snow mobile trails. This is a grant program for the towns snowmobile trail system and it has gone through phase one. Extensive paperwork from state has been completed.
- Many towns' people put their garbage out on the holiday Monday June 20, 2022. Town of Lake Pleasant was scheduled to pick up garbage on Tuesday June 21, 2022
- Working with insurance adjuster on asphalt for library parking lot.
- Hose was spraying at health center and a town citizen shut the hose off. The Y in hose broke and needed replacement.
- Rt. 30 paving (state road) hasn't been scheduled yet with no word on when time frame will be. Contracts for paving have been awarded.

<u>Supervisor Bain announced scheduled public hearing at 4:35</u>

Resolved that this meeting be interrupted to hold a Public Hearing advertised and scheduled for this evening at 4:35 P.M.

Public Hearing for Local Law Increase Term of Office for Town Supervisor from two-year term to a four-year term

Supervisor Bain declared the public hearing open at 4:35 P.M. Following distribution of the proposed Local Law to the Town Board Members at the June 6th, 2022, meeting, Notice of said Public Hearing was duly published in the Hamilton County Express, week of June 15-21, with same being posted on same date at the Town Hall sign board.

Back to Highway:

- Discussion about the paving of Rt. 30 and road construction/repair was had among the board members.

Old Business:

1. **Museum Fundraiser Report**- $27,517.00 is the total raised thus far. Cris Meixner will be at, music at the point, with a table set up to collect donations from 6:30 – 8:30 and is looking for volunteers to sit with her and help. She will not be set up the first two weeks.

2. **LED Street Light Update** – Bain had Lavarnway explain that most lights that were taken down have been put back up. The first light that was taken down has yet to be replaced. Board discussed the lighting issue and more outreach to resolve problems surrounding replacements.

3. **Employee Handbook** – Bain reported that some changes have come back from the board members. It was discovered that there is no information for new employees on a six-month probation period. Board will work on modifying the handbook in this area.

4. Supervisors of the three towns that support the Chamber of Commerce met with members of the Chamber of Commerce to see what direction they were going in next. They are currently interviewing, for a new director.

New Business:

1. **Library and Museum Phone's –** Library has four phone lines with May bill at $278.00 and fiber optic at $121.00, with total of $399.00. Town hall is $438.00 a month. Library will be getting rid of two lines to save money. Other cost cutting is in the works. The museum phone costs the town $103 a month with fiber optic. Frontier doesn't offer a seasonal phone line even though the museum only needs a phone line for three months out of the year. Sally Cross (President of Historical Society) was contacted, and she didn't see a

problem with cutting off fiber optic. She asked that Aaron Weaver, Town historian, be contacted, and Aaron felt that cutting off the fiberoptic was fine but with money saved he would like to have more funds in his expenditure line to buy needed supplies for the museum.

Public Hearing: With no persons desiring to be heard, Supervisor Bain closed the Public hearing at 4:55
Resolution #71 Close Public Hearing for Town Supervisor term of office to go from a two-year term to a four-year term.
On a motion by: Neil McGovern
2nd by: Don Braunius
The following resolution was adopted: see below
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius and Martz)
Nays: None

Bain Moved **to scheduled public hearing at 4:56**
Resolved that this meeting be interrupted to hold a Public Hearing advertised and scheduled for this evening at 4:56 P.M.
Public Hearing for Local Law Increase Term of Office for Town Highway Superintendent from two-year term to a four year-term
Supervisor Bain declared the public hearing open at 4:56 P.M. Following distribution of the proposed Local Law to the Town Board Members at the June 6th, 2022, meeting, Notice of said Public Hearing was duly published in the Hamilton County Express, week of June 15-21, with same being posted on same date at the Town Hall sign board.

Cont. with New Business:

2. **High Tunnel - Community Gardens –** Bain has been working with June and Mayor of Speculator along with Conservation on building a new high tunnel at Community Gardens.

3. **Standing Committee –** Due to a conflict of interest, standing committee for Health Insurance will be changed.

Resolution #72 to remove Kathy O'Connell from the Health Insurance Committee and Put her on the Cemetery Committee. Removing Don Braunius from the Cemetery Committee.
Offered by: Don Braunius
2nd by: Neil McGovern
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius and Martz)
Nays: None

4. **Zoning Board of Appeals –**

The board moved to discuss who they should appoint as the chairman of the ZBA. Neil McGovern asked Paul Allen if he would be interested in the position. Paul said not at this time. Board

discussed the parameters of duties for the ZBA and decided that Bob Benkovich would be best qualified.

Resolution #73 to Appoint Bob Benkovich as the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals
Offered by: Neil McGovern
2nd by: RaChelle Martz
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius and Martz)
Nays: None

Committee Reports -

Smith reported to the board that the ZBA is scheduled to have a public hearing during their meeting on 6/27/2022 at 4:00 to discuss the Whiting proposed variance.
Discussion about recent cemetery issue was had.

Public Hearing: With no persons desiring to be heard, Supervisor Bain closed the hearing at 5:15
Resolution #74 Close Public Hearing for Town Highway Superintendent term of office to go from a two-year term to a four-year term.
On a motion by: RaChelle Martz
2nd by: Don Braunius
The following resolution was adopted: see below
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius and Martz)
Nays: None

Resolution #75 For the Town of Lake Pleasant Supervisors Term of Office to Go From a Two-Year Term to a Four-Year Term – See Attached
Offered by: RaChelle Martz
2nd by: Neil McGovern
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius and Martz)
Nays: None

Resolution #76 For the Town of Lake Pleasant Highway Superintendent Term To Go From a Two-Year Term To a Four-Year Term – See attached
Offered by: Don Braunius
2nd by: Neil McGovern
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons – McGovern, Braunius and Martz)
Nays: None

Resolution # Approve Audit of Abstracts #17
Voucher #2128-2157 Amount $40,346.58

Offered by: RaChelle Martz
2nd by: Don Braunius
Resolved that all bills in the following funds be paid as presented – General, Highway, Landfill and Library
Adopted by the following vote:
Ayes: All (Supervisor Bain, Councilpersons McGovern, Martz, Braunius and O'Connell)
Nays: None

Public Comment:

Nancy Seifts mentioned that she watched the state comptroller's budget webinar and she recommends the board members watch the next one. Seifts recommends that contingent funds in the budget is beneficial.

Round table:

- Bain let the board know that she met with Caitlyn Stewart and the grant program has moved on to ask another town to sponsor. They thanked the town and let them know that smaller grant opportunities will be coming in the future.
- John Foley has finished landscaping at town hall with organic fertilizer and mulch. He has replaced plants that were saved out of the beds and has returned them. Flags are put out in front of the building for the holiday next week.
- Senior meal sites will be open M, W and Thur. for the summer.
- Sharing of senior bus trips with Wells info at a meeting soon
- Braunius is concerned about contractor loads on roads that he has seen and wants state law on covering loads sent out to a few contractors in the area that have been seen hauling loads that are overspilling onto our roadways leaving debris behind.
- Martz let the board know that the fourth of July Parade is coming up. She brought posters to be put up where needed.
- Smith informed the board that she and her deputy are finished with paperwork and testing and are now licensed issuing agents for fishing and hunting licenses for the Town of Lake Pleasant.
- Bain mentioned that e-mail was down last Thursday morning for several hours. This caused difficulties for Steve Page who was taking online classes from his e-mail.

Next Meeting: Tuesday July 5, 2022 @ 5:00 P.M. @ Lake Pleasant Town Hall

*****ON A MOTION BY: Don Braunius 2nd by: RaChelle Martz**
TO ADJOURN @ 5:35 P.M.
ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Smith, Town Clerk